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BNDD. ANKARA FOR RD BRIGGS. KABUL FOR SAIC BURKE.

WASHDC FOR BELK, IA FOR WARNER, SIO FROM SALMI

E. O. 11652 N/ A

TAGS: SNAR, IR, AF

SUBJECT: IRANIAN SEIZURE OF ALLEGED AFGHAN HEROIN

REF: TEHRAN 1920

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM GENMISH INTERVIEW OF THE GENDARMERIE CAPTAIN WHO CONDUCTED THE UNDERCOVER NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO SUBJECT SEIZURE. CAPTAIN PEZHMAN WHO IS A GRAD OF BNDD TRAINING SCHOOL HEARD IN EARLY MARCH THAT HEROIN MANUFACTURED IN AFGHANISTAN IS BEING DISTRIBUTED IN MASHAD, IRAN (NEAR AFGHAN BORDER) AND THAT AFGHAN CIT HAJI ZARIF KHAN NOORZEHI IS THE SOURCE OF SUPPLY.

2. IN MID MARCH IN MASHAD INFORMANTS (CI' S) INTRODUCED PEZHMAN TO NOORZEHI AND THE CAPTAIN BEGAN NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SALE OF 800 GRAMS OF AFGHAN HEROIN. DURING NEGOTIATIONS NOORZEHI TOLD PEZHMAN: (A) HE OWNS A
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HEROIN CONVERSION LAB IN AFGHAN VILLAGE OC CHAH RIG;
(B) ALL AFGHAN OPIUM NOT SUITABLE FOR CONVERSION AND
THAT HE WAS TO BUY GOOD QUALITY SOFT OPIUM AT HIGHER
PRICES; (C) ASKED PEZHMAN IF HS COULD RECOMMEND SOMEONE
TO GO TO AFGHANISTAN AND ASSIST THEM IN HEROIN CONVERSION
AS THEY COULD NOT PRODUCE GOOD COLOR HEROIN; (D) THAT
HE HAD RECENTLY BUILT A MOSQUE IN OR NEAR CHAH RIG, AND
IN MASHAD HAD A SIGN MADE FOR THE MOSQUE SAYING: " IN
THE
GOG. THERE ARE RUMORS AND INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT HE
MAY BE REARRESTED AND EXILED AGAIN OR TRIED FOR ALLEGED
ACTIVITIES AGAINST REGIME IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT
STUDENT UNREST.

4. WE BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLAIN TO MFA THAT USEF
MERELY PASSIVELY ADMINISTERING 1969 FORD FOUNDATION GRANTS
TO PESMAZOGLU WHICH WILL RUN OUT IN DUE COURSE AND HAD
NOTHING TO DO WITH ORIGINAL AWARDS. WE DOUBT THAT GOG
WILL LET MATTER DROP, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF ITS CONVICTION
THAT PESMAZOGPQORKING AGAINST REGIME. TO SAFEGUARD
OVERALL USEF PROGRAM, THEREFORE, IT MIGHT BE PRUDENT
IF FORD FOUNDATION ARRANGED OTHER MEANS FOR DISBURSING
REMAINDER OF FUNDS TO PESMAZOGLU. POSSIBILITY ALSO
EXISTS FINAL STUDY WILL DEAL WITH ECONOMIC ISSUES IN WAY
THAT INCLUDES POLITICAL CRITICISM OF REGIME WHICH WOULD
COMPLICATE MATTERS EVEN FURTHER AS FAR AS USEF IS CONCERNED.

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